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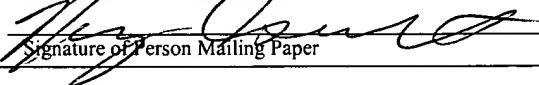
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**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.114**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, requiring a submission to accompany a Request for Continued Examination. This submission addresses the rejections made final in the Office Action mailed on March 23, 2004, as well as the Advisory Action mailed on December 22, 2004.

A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed herewith to extend the period of reply up to and including January 22, 2005.

Applicant responded to the Final Office Action on September 22, 2004. As noted in MPEP 706.07(h), on filing an RCE, Applicant may direct that the previously filed, but un-entered After-final amendment and response not be entered, but that, instead, the present submission be entered for consideration by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the previously filed After-final amendment not be entered into the file, but that instead, the Examiner enter the instant submission.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the remarks.